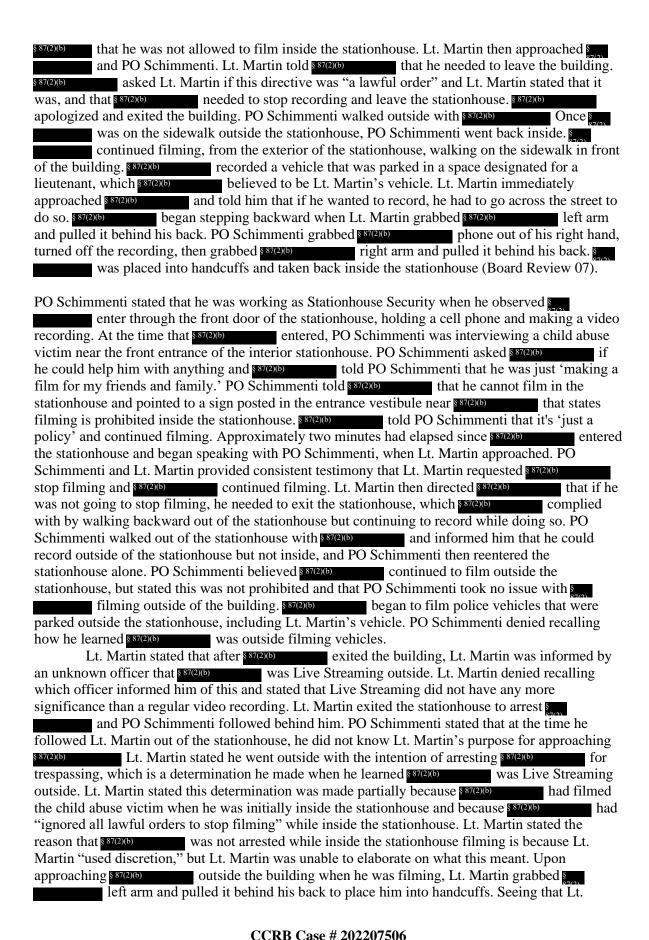
CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

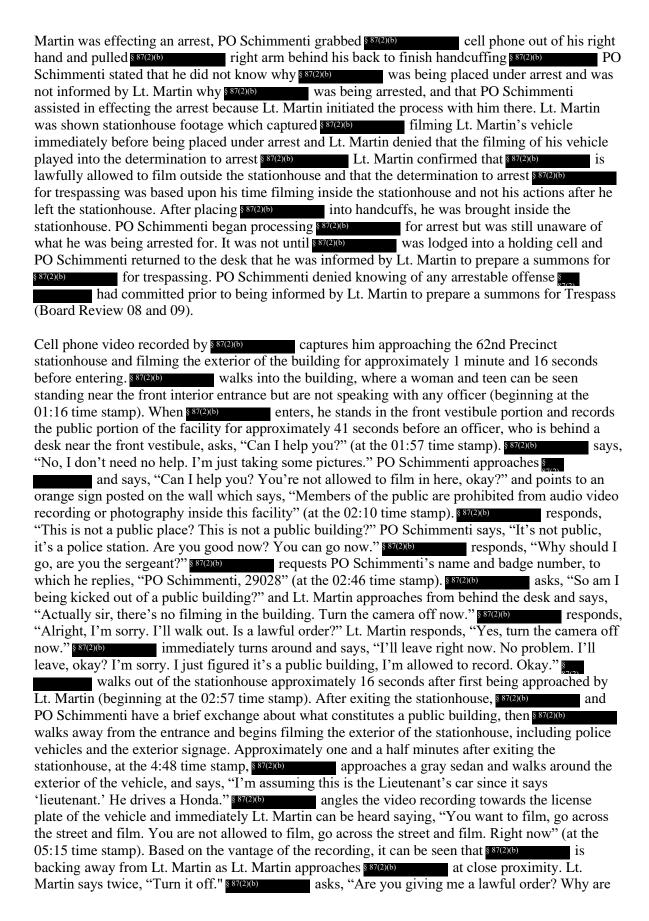
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Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:		18 Mo. SOL		Precinct:	
Saturday, 11/05/2022 6:25 PM		62nd Precinct stationhouse		5/	5/5/2024		
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At: How CV Reported:		Date/Tin	Date/Time Received at CCRB		
Sat, 11/05/2022 10:58 PM	CCRB		On-line website	Sat, 11/0	Sat, 11/05/2022 10:58 PM		
Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addre	ess				
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command				
1. PO Frank Schimmenti	29028	967327	062 PCT				
2. LT Colbert Martin	00000	925674	062 PCT				
3. An officer							
Officer(s)	Allegati	on		In	vestigator Reco	mmendation	
A.LT Colbert Martin		Abuse: Lieutenant Colbert Martin issued a retaliatory summons to \$87(2)(5)					
B.LT Colbert Martin	Abuse: I	Abuse: Lieutenant Colbert Martin interfered with use of a recording device.					
C.LT Colbert Martin		Abuse: Lieutenant Colbert Martin improperly used his bodyworn camera.					
D.PO Frank Schimmenti	Abuse: F § 87(2)(6)	Abuse: Police Officer Frank Schimmenti failed to provide with a business card.					
E. An officer	Abuse: An officer refused to provide their name to (87(2))						
F. An officer	Abuse: An officer refused to provide their shield number to						

Case Summary

On November 5, 2022, § 87(2)(b) filed this complaint with the CCRB via their Online Website. At approximately 6:25 p.m. on November 5, 2022, \$57(2)(b) walked into the 62nd Precinct Stationhouse, Brooklyn, to make a video recording on his cell phone. Upon entering, \$37(2)(6) was directed by Lieutenant Colbert Martin of the 62nd Precinct that he could not record inside the stationhouse and needed to leave. \$87(2)(b) continued recording but exited the building. began recording the exterior of the stationhouse, including Lt. Martin's vehicle which was parked in front of the building. Approximately two minutes after \$87(2)(b) exited the stationhouse, Lt. Martin and Police Officer Frank Schimmenti of the 62nd Precinct approached and placed him under arrest for trespassing (Allegation A: Abuse of Authority – While placing \$87(2)(6) into handcuffs, Lt. Martin directed PO Schimmenti to § 87(2)(g) stop § 87(2)(b) cell phone video recording (Allegation B: Abuse of Authority – was taken back inside the stationhouse where PO Schimmenti processed him for arrest and Lt. Martin observed. §87(2)(b) requested that Lt. Martin activate his BWC, which Lt. Martin refused to do (Allegation C: Abuse of Authority – \$87(2)(g) was lodged into a holding cell while PO Schimmenti prepared a summons. Upon release, he requested PO Schimmenti's business card and PO Schimmenti declined to provide one because his information was on \$87(2)(b) summons (Allegation D: Abuse of § 87(2)(b) Authority - § 87(2)(g) left the stationhouse and had no further interaction with officers. No additional arrests or summons were issued. alleged that while being processed for release inside the stationhouse, he requested the name and shield number of an additional officer (Allegations E and F: Abuse of Authority – § 87(2)(g) Four Body-worn Camera (BWC) videos were yielded, including two for PO Schimmenti and zero for Lt. Martin (Board Review 01 through 04). Stationhouse footage was obtained from the exterior of the building and the interior lobby of the 62nd Precinct Stationhouse (Board Review 05 and 06). Findings and Recommendations Allegation (A) Abuse of Authority: Lieutenant Colbert Martin issued a retaliatory summons Allegation (B) Abuse of Authority: Lieutenant Colbert Martin interfered with use of a recording device. went to the 62nd Precinct Stationhouse to make a video recording on his phone. recorded the exterior of the building for approximately one minute, then entered the stationhouse through the main door and continued recording on his cell phone. Upon entering the stationhouse, § 87(2)(b) observed PO Schimmenti speaking on the phone and an unknown female civilian standing nearby him. \$87(2)(b) stood in the vestibule of the stationhouse, in front of a gate that sectioned off the secured portion of the stationhouse. §87(2)(b) filming the inside of the stationhouse, standing in the public portion of the lobby. PO Schimmenti approached § 87(2)(b) and informed him that he was not permitted to film inside the stationhouse. § 87(2)(b) asked PO Schimmenti if that was an NYPD policy and told PO Schimmenti that the stationhouse was a public building. PO Schimmenti directed \$87(2)(b) attention to a poster on the wall near where \$57(2)(b) was standing. The poster stated that

filming was not allowed in the stationhouse. PO Schimmenti again verbally informed





"Yes, you're being detained" and then the video recording stops (Board Review 10). Stationhouse footage of the interior lobby and vestibule of the 62nd Precinct Stationhouse captures entering the stationhouse with his cell phone lifted in his right hand and he appears to be making a video recording (beginning at the 25:28 time stamp). A woman and teen can be seen standing near the front door, and walks directly past them without stopping. Once inside the public vestibule, strong is approached by PO Schimmenti (beginning at the 26:10 time stamp). PO Schimmenti points to a sign on the wall and \$87(2)(b) records it. begins backing up and appears to start in the direction of the exit when at the 27:08 time stamp, Lt. Martin appears off camera and \$87(2)(6) leaves seven seconds after at the 27:15 time stamp. PO Schimmenti and Lt. Martin follow \$87(2)(b) outside then immediately reenter the stationhouse. Lt. Martin exits out of camera view and PO Schimmenti speaks to the woman and teen originally seen near the entrance. At the 29:09 time stamp, Lt. Martin reappears on camera walks directly through the lobby and exits the stationhouse. Lt. Martin does not appear to say anything to PO Schimmenti as he passes him. PO Schimmenti follows behind Lt. Martin and approximately one minute later, at the 30:07 time stamp, \$87(2)(b) is brought back into the stationhouse in rear handcuffs and being led by Lt. Martin. \$87(2)(b) is not seen again in this is not seen again in this portion of the stationhouse footage (Board Review 06). Stationhouse footage which captures the exterior of the 62nd Precinct Stationhouse captures \$87(2)(b) walking on the sidewalk outside the stationhouse and filming the signage and surroundings, beginning at the 28:59 time stamp. walks the perimeter of a gray Honda and films the vehicle. At the 29:27 time stamp, Lt. Martin appears and immediately approaches \$87(2)(b) walks backward as Lt. Martin approaches. A brief conversation appears to take place and at the 29:38 time stamp, Lt. Martin grabs § 87(2)(b) left arm and pulls it behind his back. PO Schimmenti approaches. removes § 87(2)(b) cell phone from his right hand, then assists in handcuffing § 87(2)(b) Lt. Martin is seen leading \$87(2)(b) back inside the stationhouse (Board Review 05). BWC video from PO Schimmenti captures Lt. Martin approaching \$87(2)(b) stationhouse, pulling \$87(2)(b) left arm behind his back, and then Lt. Martin grabs for cellphone (at the 00:17 time stamp). With Lt. Martin unable to reach the cell phone, PO Schimmenti removes it from \$87(2)(b) hand and assists in placing \$87(2)(b) handcuffs. Lt. Martin then leads \$87(2)(b) into the stationhouse, where he is prointo the stationhouse, where he is processed for arrest. At the 02:15 time stamp, Lt. Martin asks \$87(2)(6) "Why are you recording our cars around the precinct?" \$87(2)(b) responds, "Cause I'm working on a story, sir. I'm just doing my first amendment." Lt. Martin asks, "Were you told to go across the street?" and \$87(2)(b) says, "When you went outside and rushed me? [...] I didn't even have time to cross the street." PO Schimmenti vouchers \$\frac{87(2)(5)}{2}\$ property and lodges him in a holding cell (Board Review 01). received a summons for Trespass, in violation of Penal Law 140.05, which was prepared by PO Schimmenti (Board Review 11).

you coming at me?" and continues backing up. Lt. Martin then appears to go behind

and begin effecting an arrest. PO Schimmenti approaches and Lt. Martin can be heard saying, "Shut it off, shut it off," asks, "Am I being detained right now?" and Lt. Martin responds,

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New York Penal Law § 140.05 defines a person as guilty of Trespass when they knowingly enter or remain unlawfully in or upon premises (Board Review 19). NY CLS Penal Law § 240.00, which outlines Offenses against public order, and People v Johnson, 51 Misc. 3d 801, define a "public place" as a place to which the public or a substantial group of persons has access, and includes, but

is not limited to, streets and sidewalks (Board Review 20 and 21).

The New York City Police Department Disciplinary System and Penalty Guidelines notes in regard to Abuse of Authority, that because of the trust placed in members of the NYPD and, the discretion and authority granted to members of the service, the community has every right to expect and demand the highest level of accountability from the Department, as well as from individual members of service. The guidelines note that misconduct includes abuse of enforcement action such as an arrest or summons for which there is a lawful basis, however, but for the officer's improper motive, enforcement action would not have been taken (Board Review 18).

NYC Administrative Guide 304-21 details the procedure for when a member of the service encounters an individual observing, photographing, and/or recording police activity. Members of the service are prohibited from intentionally preventing, or attempting to prevent, an individual from recording police activities and prohibited from commanding an individual to cease recording when an individual is authorized to do so under law. Members of the service are strictly prohibited from stopping, seizing, searching, summonsing, or arresting an individual solely because such individual recorded police activities (Board Review 23).

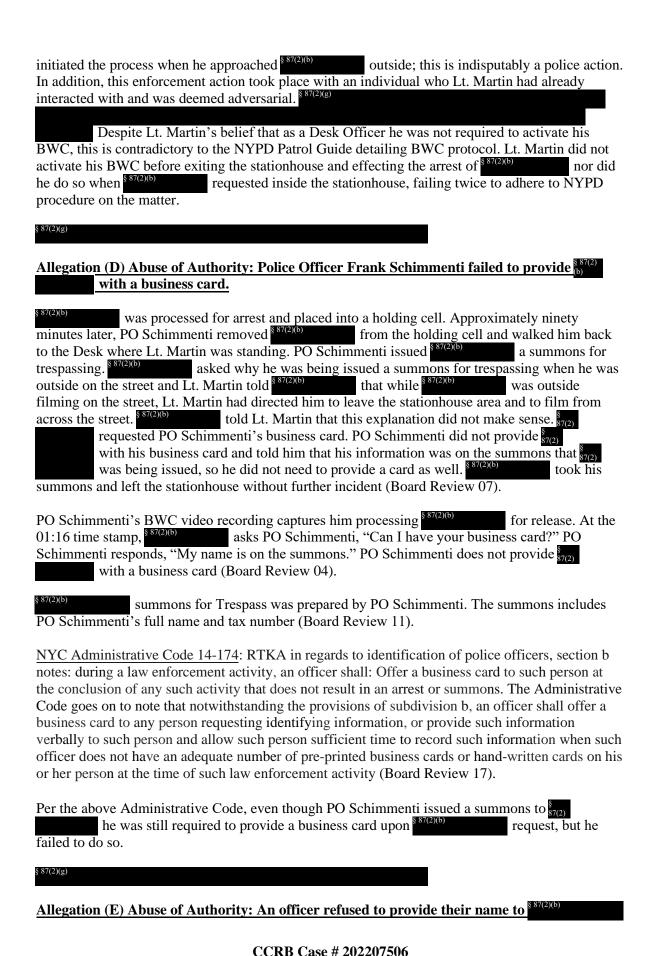
§ 87(2)(g)
When Lt. Martin told him to leave the
stationhouse, he complied. Approximately two minutes after \$870,000 exited the stationhouse,
while he was on a public sidewalk, he started recording Lt. Martin's vehicle. It was at this moment
that Lt. Martin exited the stationhouse, told \$87(2)(0) that he had to go across the street to film
and then arrested him for trespass. § \$7(2)(2)
§ 87(2)(g)
Allegation (C) Abuse of Authority: Lieutenant Colbert Martin improperly used his body-
worn camera.
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Once inside the stationhouse, second requested that Lt. Martin and PO Schimmenti activate
their BWCs. PO Schimmenti did so, whereas Lt. Martin was not wearing a BWC and told
that he did not need one (Board Review 07).
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turn on his BWC. Lt. Martin did not do so because he was not wearing one and it was "his
understanding" that while in the stationhouse, assigned as the Desk Officer, he was not required to
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According to NYPD Patrol Guide 212-123, an officer is required to activate their BWC prior to engaging in any police action and to record any interactions that escalate to become adversarial or may hold evidentiary value. Performance of administrative duties or non-enforcement functions, routine activities within Department facilities, and Departmental meetings or training are not considered police actions. Uniformed members of the service performing duty as desk officers

No BWC video was yielded for Lt. Martin (Board Review 22).

considered police actions. Uniformed members of the service performing duty as desk officers, telephone switchboard operators, and stationhouse security are required to wear their BWC while performing duty (Board Review 12).

Lt. Martin and PO Schimmenti both testified that Lt. Martin determined to arrest \(\begin{align*} \) \(\begin{align*} \\ \begin{al



Allegation (F) Abuse of Authority: An officer refused to provide their shield number to [570] alleged that before being released and while standing at the desk with PO requested the name and shield number of an unknown officer who was standing nearby. The officer refused to provide their name and shield because they were "not involved" in \$87(2)(6) arrest (Board Review 07). PO Schimmenti's BWC video captures \$87(2)(6) request a business card from PO Schimmenti, which PO Schimmenti declines to provide (beginning at the 01:16 time stamp). asks, "So you're denying me a business card? Internal affairs told me that it's your policy" (at the 02:01 time stamp). PO Schimmenti replies, "We're letting you leave with a summons, I don't why you have to keep talking." An unknown officer, who is off camera and cannot be seen, says, "Not when you're arrested or issued a summons, you're not given one." responds, "Okay, no problem." [87(2)(6) does not ask any officer for their name. does not ask any officer for their shield number (Board Review 04). BWC video from PO Schimmenti captures § 87(2)(6) release from the stationhouse in its totality. During the period in which §87(2)(6) requests PO Schimmenti's business card, alleged he also requested the name and shield number of an additional officer standing nearby. BWC video disputes these allegations and finds that they did not occur. \$37(2)(0) not request the name and shield number of any officer while he was being released from the 62nd Precinct Stationhouse. Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories PO Frank Schimmenti has been a member-of-service for four years and this is the first CCRB complaint to which PO Schimmenti has been a subject. Lt. Colbert Martin has been a member of service for 23 years and has been a subject in 10 CCRB complaints and 18 allegations, of which one was substantiated: #201805008 involved a substantiated allegation of Abuse: Refusal to process civilian complaint against Lt. Martin. The Board recommended Command Discipline - A and the NYPD imposed No penalty. §87(2)(g)

Mediation, Civil, and Criminal Histories

- declined to mediate this complaint.

 As of May 11, 2023, the New York City Office of the Comptroller has no record of a Notice of Claim being filed in regard to this incident (Board Review 14).

RPBP History

• This complaint did not contain any allegations of Racial Profiling/Bias-Based Policing.							
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Squad Leader:		Manager Vanessa Rosen	May 30, 2023				
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